(c) and (d) For effective implementation, Rural Development Programmes are continuously reviewed by the centre through periodical reports, field visits, workshops/seminars and through Central/State level co-ordination committees and special emphasis is laid to improve the professional capabilities of the field functionaries by imparting training at regular intervals as well as by interaction through workshops/seminars.

(e) For qualitative improvement in the implementation of the rural development programmes, the Government have been making constant endeavour to induct talented persons.

Study of Rural Development in Foreign Institutions

2812. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are trying hard to locate foreign countries and foreign institutions for financial aid in foreign currencies for officers to study rural development;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Rural Development are ignoring Indian facilities and opting for foreign facilities;

(c) whether it is a fact that UNDP has rejected such efforts; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a). No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Proposals for UNDP Projects

2813. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Rural Development had submitted any proposals for UNDP Projects in 1994-95;

(b) what are the details of such Projects submitted, with quantum of money involved from UNDP;

(c) whether the project profiles in each such instance, has been cleared; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Finance Ministry have made any assessment of the national need of some such proposals from Ministry of Rural Development;

(e) what kind of assessment is made by the concerned Department before giving clearance;

(f) whether it is a fact that most of such proposals involve travel, stipends, grants of stipends and nothing substantial; and

(g) whether such proposals of assistance from foreign agencies deserve to be accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a). No, Sir. This Ministry has not submitted any proposal to UNDP for seeking any assistance.

(b) to (g) Do not arise.

Use of Wasteland

2814. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of wasteland put to agricultural or horticultural or forestry use in Gujarat State during the last two years;

(b) what is the total area of wasteland remaining in the state;